

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 are pending. Claims 9-17 have been cancelled.

Claims 1-8 are objected to for informalities. Regarding claims 1, 4 and 5, the Examiner has not noted that the claims improperly contain a period in the middle of the claim. Applicant respectfully amends claims 1, 4 and 5 by deleting all periods in the middle of the claims.

The Examiner alleges that formula 2 of claim 4 is inconsistent with formula 1 of claim 1. Examiner recommended the following: a) amend Claim 4 as an independent claim; b) remove "according to claim 3"; and c) incorporate the limitations of $l/l+m+n$ and $m/l+m$ recited at the end of Claim 1 into claim 4.

Applicant respectfully amends claim 4 in accordance with the Examiner's recommendations.

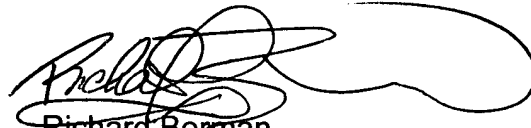
In view of the foregoing, reconsideration of the application and allowance of claims 1-8, and the prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowability are respectfully solicited.

Should the Examiner believe anything further is desirable in order to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension, together with any additional fees that may be due with respect to this paper, may be charged to counsel's Deposit Account No. 01-2300, **referencing docket number 100021-00065.**

Respectfully submitted,

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